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punitive and rehabilitative measures in connection with crimes against women. The advisories issued to the State Governments include *inter-alia*, setting up of exclusive women police stations, setting up of women police cells in police stations, setting up of Crime against Women Cell in districts where they do not exist, hearing of rape cases by a court presided over by a lady magistrate, investigation of a rape case of a victim less than 18 years of age by a woman police officer and in the presence of parents and/or relatives, wider recruitment of women in police forces, setting up of Special Women Courts in each district, appointment of Dowry Prohibition Officers etc.

(d) The Law Commission of India, in its 172nd Report on "Review of Rape Laws" has recommended amendment to provisions in the Indian Penal Code, 1860 to provide stringent punishment for rape and child abuse. The Criminal Law, being on the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, the Report of the Law Commission is to be examined in consultation with the State Governments. There is no proposal under consideration to enact a separate legislation on child rape and sexual abuse.

#### **Settlements by a particular community from Bangladesh on Indian Borders**

<sup>†</sup>3504. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people of a particular community from Bangladesh are establishing their settlements rapidly on the Indian land along the borders of Tripura and Mizoram with Bangladesh;

(b) whether settlements are also being established on the land cleared due to massive destruction of forests by the smugglers of both the sides and whether these smugglers are having any involvement, in it;

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<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether a Government official was also found to be involved in it in 1993; and

(d) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI):** (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

**Settlement of Boundary related issues with Bangladesh**

3505. **DR.(SHRIMATI) JOYASHREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No.1038, given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th November, 2000 and state the progress made in the matter of settlement of all boundary related matters with Bangladesh?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI):** During the Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Bangladesh held in New Delhi in December, 2000, the Foreign Secretaries had decided to set up to two joint Boundary Working Groups, the first of which would deal with the completion of demarcation and second with the exchange of enclaves and territories in adverse possession. Both groups would systematically address these matters and report to the Foreign Secretaries from time to time. The Government of India has proposed terms of reference for the Joint Boundary Working Groups. Response from the Government of Bangladesh is awaited. The Government of India is committed to an early settlement of all boundary-related matters with Bangladesh through peaceful dialogue.

**Foreign Nationals in Electoral Rolls**

†3506. **SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign nationals residing in various States of the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the names of foreign nationals appear in the electoral rolls also;